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## LATEST.

Dispatches from New Orleans state that a fight occurred between the Metropolitan Police under Gen Longstreet, Radical, and the citizens under O. B. Pann the Lieutenant Governor on the McEnery or people's ticket. In the fight some fifty men were killed and the Metropolitan forces were completely routed. The city is now in possession of the McEnery forces, and if Grant will let the citizens alone, good government will be established, and traitors and usurpers will be taught a lesson.

## ORGANIZATION.

The great difficulty with the people of South Carolina has been that they will never pursue one line of political policy long enough to test its efficacy, before they become disheartened and fly off in quest of another. Several plans have been proposed for our political reformation, any one of which, if heartily and unanimously persisted in, would in all probability bring us relief. But it won't do to be wavering or spasmodic. It is criminal and disastrous to advocate one policy to-day, and because it may happen to be rather slow in yielding fruit, and cause some thing of a draft upon our time and means, to desert both the cause and our chosen leaders, and lapse into a selfish apathy to-morrow.

We must settle upon some fixed policy, and then pursue it with that patience, firmness and consistency which furnishes the only guarantee of success. We must not organize and then disband on account of defeat, as if success and not principle was our sole aim; but we must keep organized under all circumstances, and at all times. The organization of 1870 should never have been disbanded. Although beaten at the polls, we gained a grand moral victory in proving to the colored people that the white people were ready for conciliation, but they were not. In this action we have fully justified ourselves, and furnished an argument in our favor which is powerful and unanswerable. We are therefore not called upon to make any further advances towards them, which would be degrading; but we should show that our attitude is unchanged, by continuing to act upon a liberal policy. For this purpose we should reorganize, and promulgate a platform embodying those issues which will carry the heart of the people, and will be broad enough for every lover of freedom to stand upon. It was such a course which saved Virginia and other Southern States, and which, if persisted in, would ultimately save South Carolina.

## PATTERSON'S CONVENTION.

This Convention, otherwise called the Republican State Convention, has at last done its work, and nominated D. H. Chamberlain, by a small majority, for governor. The opposition to him was very strong and intense, but the network of the Ring was too well laid, and the scheme succeeded.

Speeches were made by Mackey and Lee exposing Chamberlain's connection with past corruption, but all to no avail; greenbacks were more powerful than eloquence or truth. According to the published reports, the proceedings at many times were simply a disgrace to any community, outside of the wilds of Africa, and should bring to the minds of the sober thinking people of the North the horrible degradation to which the much boasted Republicanism has reduced the State. The Conservatives reiterated that if the Convention put forward a Republican who was beyond suspicion, they would support him; and to give the matter more weight, the State Tax Union announced the same fact.

It is plain that the Republican professions of reform are mere words. There is no sincerity in them. The Ring has so far been partially successful with the Convention, but it will find much harder work with the people. It is the duty of the Conservatives to unite upon an honest man, and with a fair count and the right kind of work, there is a chance of electing him, especially when we consider the small Radical majority in the Seymour and Grant election, probably the only time we had fair play.

## CONSERVATIVE PROSPECT.

In 1870 the following counties were carried by the Reformers:—Anderson, Chesterfield, Greenville, Spartanburg, Horry, Marion, Lexington, Oconee, and Pickens.

The following, which were lost by the Reformers, doubtless by a fraudulent election, were carried by the Democrats in 1868:—Abbeville, Lancaster, Laurens, Newberry, Union and York. Marlboro', in 1870, stood Radical 1449, and Reform 1145.

From the above it will appear that the Conservatives may, with a reasonable prospect of success, run County tickets in about one half of the counties of the State. This would give a powerful Conservative influence in the Legislature. We do not pretend to say that success can be expected, in all of these counties without hard work, but the record is sufficiently encouraging to warrant a trial, and we hope that each of the counties named will put candidates in the field, and work untiringly for their election. The motives for action, and the chances of success are certainly strong enough to call forth the most strenuous efforts. Besides this, the third and fourth Congressional Districts may, by dint of great perseverance and sacrifice, and by a wise selection of candidates, give us a voice in the legislative deliberations of the nation. We trust that these opportunities may not be lost by a criminal apathy or indifference on the part of the Conservatives. We do not advocate opposition where it is hopeless, but wherever there is any chance of success, we say, strike.

## UNHAPPY STOKES!

The tenderest chords of our nature are touched, whenever we contemplate the condition of this eccentric, but for aught we know, honest man, who is now said to be languishing in Greenville jail, where he was committed under sentence of Judge Cooke, for his refusal to testify in an action against himself for debt. He says he will rot in jail before he will yield his point; and as his confinement is said to have had a very injurious effect upon his constitution, it is thought that he will die unless shortly released.

Several touching appeals for mercy have been made in his behalf, and recently Attorney-General Goldsmith of Georgia, his kinsman, has written a letter to K. H. Kirk of Lexington, requesting him to use his influence for his removal from the jail to the asylum, as he is crazy. If such is the case he is certainly an object of pity and mercy, especially, if he has a families tears to augment his sorrows.

We recognize the scriptural duty of every one "to be subject to the powers that be," but we are ever ready to throw the mantle of charity over the frailties of erring humanity, especially, when these frailties may be the offspring of an honest but mistaken conviction of right. But, besides this, Stokes is represented as afflicted, both in body and mind, in which case the majesty of the law should certainly yield to the voice of mercy, for it is the plain dictate of humanity that "when God lays His hands on, it is time for man to take his off."

## [COMMUNICATED.]

MR. EDITOR:—The Radical Convention has had its sitting down and has risen up saying that Chamberlain is their man. The Conservatives of the State have already said that he is not ours. They have already based their objections upon his lack of honesty. This is not all. The Conservatives of the State of South Carolina stand pledged to the whole people of the United States, to enter the political arena with an opposing candidate, who shall be chosen for intelligence, fair mindedness, and thorough honesty. If words mean any thing they mean this and more, viz: that if with Republican honesty, we can gain supremacy over Republican dishonesty we would regard it as our duty so to do, and would not hesitate to embrace the occasion. If we were not speaking idly and anticipated such an emergency doubtless subsequent events have developed it, and we ought to be ready to meet the demand.

I then would like to know if the Democrats have been talking meaningless words, or are ready to follow out the logical conclusions of their professions and nominate a strong honest Republican, give up party lines, go into the enemies camp and fight the demons with the most available honest man in their party and have the issue of the campaign simply Honesty against Dishonesty. Rest assured that the people of the United States, Democrats

and Republicans, expect something very like this from us. Rest assured that the Conservatives of South Carolina, Democrats and Republicans, expect something very like this from us. Rest assured, finally, that we have promised to the world to do something very like this: that is, if the Radicals nominated an honest man, he would have our support, and, if not, we would oppose them in such a way as to convince the world that we did not object to their party. If the last clause means anything it will not be carried out by the nomination of a Democrat; by the nomination of Gen. Kershaw or any man of our party.

We are pledged (every Conservative in the State) so far as we have mentally endorsed the views of Democratic journals, to enter this canvas as a party and under the banner of some honest Republican. Who is our man? Judge Green, Judge Maher or Mayor Cunningham? RAMBLER.

## [COMMUNICATED.]

Questions for Mr. A. F. Browning to Answer.

It is currently reported, and as generally believed, that Mr. A. F. Browning made a speech recently, in the Fork of Edisto, in which, he advised the negroes to kill the "Grangers," stating, that it was an easy task, and could be performed any morning before breakfast. Also that he suggested to his sable audience the propriety of using the sword or club and torch against the whites.

Will Mr. A. F. Browning announce publicly, whether or not, he made such a speech, either in whole, or in part, at the meeting referred to above? Or whether he ever made a speech, at any time, upon any occasion, in which, he either, directly, or indirectly, advised or suggested to the negroes, an incendiary or murderous course towards the whites?

It Mr. A. F. Browning is innocent of the charges, he would be doing himself an injustice not to let the public know it. If he is guilty, it is well enough for the public to know it anyhow. GRANGER.

## [COMMUNICATED.]

They Already Begin to Make Excuse!

MR. EDITOR:—The first Sabbath of the present month was appointed by the Rev. Mr. Holman (Lutheran) as the day to make a clear exposition of the word "Baptism," and defend as he said, "95 per cent of the christian world." The appointed day came, and a large concourse of persons from various churches assembled, and especially were the Baptist churches well represented. The Rev. Mr. Hartley (Baptist) dismissed his congregation at Antioch on that day, and brought many of them with him to hear that word defended. The services at Santee (Baptist) were deferred until the afternoon to hear the truth declared, and we thank God that we were present.

Greek roots of enormous proportions, in respect to length, size and shade were scattered in such awful profusion, that the congregation stood aghast for one hour and fifty-five minutes, observing the strictest silence and good behavior. The sermon was well delivered and reminds one most awfully, of many expressions and phrases of different writers that many of us perused, over and over again; and it is the knowledge of that fact, that destroyed the belief that he was delivering what he had earned by "hard mid night lamp trimming."

The whole affair was one of darkness and confusion to ten eleventh part of the congregation, as the ground was dreadfully rocky. And inasmuch as it was said by some of the Lutheran members, to some of the Baptist members present on that occasion, that if the Rev. Mr. Holman was not replied to, it would be a fair acknowledgement of the Baptists, that sprinkling is the mode of baptism as was instituted by Christ, which mode, we, as Baptist, ignore and declare to be the invention of man, we will prove, not only that it is so, but also that Christ was immersed. We don't pretend "to unchurch and shut out from Heaven the Pedobaptist," but it is our belief, that we will maintain God's word, as we understand it, that we will uphold, and that we may be understood, we challenge the Pedobaptists, especially those who heard the sermon of the Rev. Mr. Holman preached, and especially the Rev. Mr. Holman himself, to come out fairly and squarely to Santee church (not in a spirit of contention, but to arrive at the truth) on the 4th Sunday of September. The Rev. Mr. Hartley dismissed his congregation once, and is going to do it again. Will the Rev.

Mr. Holman do likewise? We shall expect him out.

The Rev. Mr. Cuttino, who is now, and will be holding a series of meetings in Clarendon and Sumter counties will not be with us until the 2nd Sunday in October, when he will also preach from the same subject. A. B.

## NEWS ITEMS.

George W. Williams is spoken of as the Conservative candidate for Governor.

A very interesting Tax Union meeting took place at Edgely C. H., on Monday the 7th.

Hon. Ben Hill did not get the nomination to Congress from his district in Georgia. A new man by the name of McMillan received it.

The Conservatives of Marlboro' are organizing for a vigorous campaign. Appointments have been made for the candidates to speak at all the important points in the county.

The Camden Female School Association met at Camden on September 3rd, and completed its organization. It promises to be a valuable institution. General J. B. Kershaw Gen. James Chestnut are prominent in the movement.

A very enthusiastic Conservative meeting was held at Curetons Mill in Kershaw county, at which addresses were delivered by Col. Boykin, Gen. Kershaw, Col. Shannon, Judge Zeitner and A. P. Lining.

Ccl. Trescott, Conservative candidate for Congress from the third district made a speech at Anderson C. H., a few days ago, which was listened to by a large and appreciative audience. He is a man of liberal views and rare ability.

Maj. W. T. Gary made a very sensible speech in Edgefield county on the 28th of August, in which he advised the "reduction of the number of Radical negro voters which we have been employing, and a determined effort to supply the deficiency by white immigration."

Hon. Jefferson Davis, Ex-President of the Southern Confederacy, made a speech recently in Memphis on the subject of the late disturbances in that vicinity, in which occur the following noble words:—"But you come to appeal to the moral sense of the world; your words are to go abroad to man kind; let it understand that you are not a race of assassins; that you are not the men who mask, but stand in the dignity of your manhood, and the likeness of your Creator, with eyes open and exposed you dare assert your rights and protect them to the best of your ability, and to the end of your lives will go forward with honor, which never seeks concealment, wears no mask, and never blackens its face."

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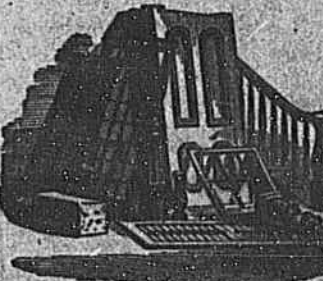
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